




Pine Ridge Secondary School


How Parents Can Help

Below are three important skills necessary for student success. For each skill, recommendations are outlined, followed by early warning signs which may lead to difficulty, and finally recommended strategies for improvement.


Attendance

*Recommendations*

- Students attend school every day.
- Students arrive to class on time.


*Warning Signs*

- Your child is missing school.
- Your child's report card shows more absences than you expected.


*Strategies*

- Discuss your child's attendance record with the vice-principal.
- If your child is absent, ensure work missed is brought home and completed.


Homework

*Recommendations*

- Grade 9 students should spend approximately 1 – 1.5 hours a night on average on finishing work started in class, reviewing notes, or completing homework.
- Complete and submit all assignments for evaluation.


*Warning Signs*

- If you do not see your child doing homework regularly or your child says, "I don't have any homework" on a regular basis.


*Strategies*

- Contact the subject teachers and get more information about upcoming assignments and/or the amount of homework being assigned.
- Encourage your child to read, review, and study for 1 – 1.5 hours every day.


Organization

*Recommendations*

- Take accurate notes and keep binders well organized.
- Use an agenda to plan for assignments, projects, quizzes, and tests.
- Manage your study time so that you are preparing well in advance for tests.

*Warning Signs*

- Your child does not have or use an agenda.
- Your child's notebooks are disorganized or appear incomplete.
- Your child is completing assignments at the last minute, or handing assignments in late

*Strategies*

- Obtain an agenda for your child, if he or she has misplaced the one provided.
- Talk to your child to set-up a time management and organizational plan.
- Monitor the use of the agenda and notebooks.